

YOUR PROBLEMS

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"Take A Look At Girl's Family . . ."

Dear Ann Landers: For me there is no hope. I married the wrong girl and I'm stuck. I was 25 and should have known better. It was all there — right before my eyes but I thought I could change her after marriage.

I saw the whole bit—how her mother treated her father, the filthy house, the fact that no two members of the family ever sat down to a meal together. They walked around eating out of tin cans or paper cartons—dipping spoons and forks into pans, not even bothering about dishes.

These people didn't have to live like this. They could have afforded much better. There wasn't a newspaper, a magazine or a book in the house. They never heard of hanging a picture on the wall — only snapshots and photographs of the family stuck with adhesive tape or thumb-tacks.

I'm writing this to warn other guys. In the name of heaven look around and take a good look at the girl's house and family because yours will be the same way. Plain hell — that's what it is.—JUST A BOOB

Dear Ann Landers: Our 8-year-old son is terribly fond of his third grade teacher. Tim asks me to bake something for Miss J. at least twice a week. He brings her oranges, apples, bananas (one day a grapefruit), flowers, and he has even saved from his allowance to buy her dime store perfume.

My husband thinks this is admirable. He says we should be pleased that Tim is so thoughtful and generous. I say there ought to be a limit to gift-giving. Furthermore, I don't feel it is good for a child to attach so much importance to gifts. Some days when Tim has no gift for Miss J. he doesn't want to go to school.

My husband and I welcome your views. — J. W.

Dear J. W.: Your son feels inadequate. He is fearful that Miss J. will not like him for himself so he brings her gifts in the hope that this will stand him in better stead. Explain to Tim that it is how you treat people and not what you give them that counts. Emphasize that an occasional gift is fine, especially if he saves for it himself. But it represents no sacrifice to the boy if YOU bake for Miss J. twice a week.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm so upset I don't know what to do. I'm afraid to ask any of my friends because my husband has read in your column that married people should settle their differences between themselves and not blab to outsiders.

Six months ago I lost my wedding ring. I was just sick over it. Now I am pregnant and have to go to the doctor's office for check-ups. I am quite large and it is plain why I am in the doctor's office. I feel just awful, sitting there with no wedding ring.

I have begged my husband to buy me another ring. He refuses, saying that anyone who is so careless doesn't deserve another chance. I dread going to the hospital without a ring. What can I do? — RINGLESS.

Dear Ringless: For little more than the price of the air-mail special delivery stamps you put on this envelope, you can buy yourself a wedding band at the dime store. Get going.

Confidential to CAT'S MEOW: Don't push your luck. Quit while you're ahead. In my opinion you already have more than you're entitled to.

To learn how to keep your boy friend in line without losing him, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Nocking and Petting — And How Far To Go," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.



CHAMPAGNE FASHION EVENT . . . Peninsula Committee of the Spastic Children's League is busy with plans for its "Fashions That Bloom This Spring" benefit to be held in the Terrace Room at the Broadway Del Amo on Tuesday March 6. Patronesses, from left, Mmes James D.

Stewart, M. L. Goeglein and H. F. B. Roessler choose a fashion for the show, modeled by Miss Eva Holmberg. Proceeds from the show will assist cerebral-palsied children.

Spring Fashion Parade

Spastic League Benefit March 6

Invitations are in the mail for the Champagne Fashion Show to be given by the Peninsula Committee of the Spastic Children's League, March 6 at the Broadway Del Amo.

The chairman of this event is Mrs. Delmar Lang, and the money is to be used to help cerebral-palsied children.

"Fashions That Bloom This Spring" is the theme for the Fashion Show which will start at 2:30 p.m.

The proceeds for this event will go toward the support of the Pre-School Nursery in Long Beach and to the Spastic Children's Foundation in Los Angeles.

Interesting Program is Slated for Woman's Club

Torrance Woman's Club, Marina District 18, CFWC, will feature two of its many interests in the program on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Mrs. J. E. Dillon, Legislation chairman of the club will present two speakers from the Torrance League of Women Voters, Mrs. Melzar Jones and Mrs. Robert Christensen.

Mrs. B. W. Roberts, club Homecrafts chairman, will be in charge of the annual Vogue fashion contest. Club members will model complete outfits they have made. Mrs. Alma Smith is to be the commentator. Judges will be Vogue co-ordinator Miss Tess Strand, courtesy of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., Mrs. W. L. Norman, local adult school home economics teacher, and Miss Joanne Stark of Waleria. The judging will begin at 11 a.m. Only amateurs are eligible.

Scoring factors are in four parts: appropriateness for club occasion, 25 per cent; becomingness to wearer as to figure type, pattern, color, 25 per cent; overall fashion effect and right accessories, 25 per cent; workmanship, 25 per cent. Prizes will be given on local, district, State and national levels. They include subscriptions to Vogue pattern book, Ladies Home Journal, scrolls, plaques, cash, and the grand prize is a three weeks trip to Europe for two people or \$1,500 in cash and a trip to the 1962 General Federation of Women's Club convention in Washington, D. C.

Pot luck luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Leonard Stamps will conduct the business meeting with the program to follow.

Hypnotist To Address Las Vecinas

Las Vecinas Women's Club will have Maj. Arthur Knight, consulting psychologist, and professional hypnotist, as their guest speaker for the meeting to be held Feb. 22, 1 p.m., in the Banbury Room of the Plush Horse.

Major Knight has 30 years experience as a hypnotist, and is national vice president of the American Hypnotist Assn. He personally has used hypnotism in 500 childbirths, and has also assisted in dental extractions. Knight has appeared on radio and TV channels 4 and 11, from coast to coast. He is a former high school science teacher and coach for 11 years, and spent five years in the Air Force during World War II. He did his undergraduate work at the North Dakota University, and his post-graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

Las Vecinas Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. E. R. Harvey, will sing two numbers, "The Lullaby of Broadway," a Harry Warren arrangement, and "Ole Ark-A-Moverin'" from the Harold Flammer Choral Series. Accompanying the chorus will be Mrs. Rabert Padelford.

Tea chairman will be Mrs. A. J. O'Keefe, assisted by Mmes. Joseph Solifer and Geoffrey Ward.

Houseguests

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller of Yuba, formerly of Torrance, spent last week as houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones in Waleria.



VIRGINIA SKOLFIELD . . . Troth Announced

Couple Plan Fall Nuptials

The engagement of Miss Virginia Lee Skolfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eshbaugh, of Los Angeles to Paul E. Clayton II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Clayton, 17109 Atkinson Ave., Torrance, has been announced by her parents.

The bride-elect was graduated from Westchester High school and is employed at Space Technology Laboratories.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North High school and El Camino college. He is employed by the Aero-Space Corp.

A September wedding is planned with a honeymoon in Hawaii.

Mr., Mrs. Joel W. Curtis Now At Home in Gardena

Mr. and Mrs. Joel William Curtis are now at home at 16006 La Salle Ave., in Gardena, following their recent marriage and honeymoon. Mrs. Curtis is the former Geraldine Anne Bolde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bernabel, 17316 Haas Ave., Torrance. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel E. Curtis of Inglewood.

The couple were married in an early afternoon wedding at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Gardena with the Rev. Warren L. Tierney officiating.

Mr. Bernabel walked to the altar with his daughter. She wore a gown of candlelight brocade satin fashioned on empire lines. The full skirt fell into a chapel train. The fitted bodice had a round neckline and three-quarter sleeves. A pearl tiara secured the illusion veil and the bride carried a bouquet of stepanotis and gardenias.

Mrs. Wayne Lawson served as the matron of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Robert Welter, Misses Elaine Gagnon, Joan Litrich and Ingrid Mitchell.

All of the attendants wore blue peau de soie sheaths with matching overskirts and each carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Social World

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MARDI GRAS TIME . . . Mrs. Gerald Young models costume to be worn at the Mardi Gras Ball to be presented in the Nativity parish auditorium on Saturday March 3 at 8 p.m. as Mr. and Mrs. Don Bryant and Gerald Young indicate their approval. Reservations for the pre-lenten dance will be taken through Feb. 26, according to Mrs. James Carlin and William Fredericks, co-chairmen of the parish social.

Family Home From France

Mrs. Charles Lange and two sons, Steve and Phillip of North Torrance arrived home by plane Sunday from a four months visit in France where they were guests of Mrs. Lange's mother, Mrs. A. Dufour at Biarritz in South France.

Steven, who is 11 years old and is a sixth grade student at Carl Steele Elementary here, attended school while in France. Phillip is four years old.

Attends Meeting

Mrs. Charles Lockwood of Torrance will attend the meeting of the Xi Gamma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Wednesday evening in Los Angeles.

Pre-Lenten Affair

Nativity Slates Mardi Gras Ball

Reservations for the "Mardi-Gras Costume Ball," to be presented by parish organizations of the Church of the Nativity on Saturday, March 3, will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 26, according to an announcement released this week by Mrs. James Carlin and William Fredericks, co-chairmen of the parish social event.

Dancing to the music of the "Nightcappers" will be interrupted at 10 p.m. by a "Grand March" and the presentation of awards to the wearers of outstanding costumes. The pre-lenten social event will close at midnight with a buffet supper.

Serving as members of the various committees are Charles Buchan, Mrs. James O'Brien, Al Schild, Cy Bowen, and Dan Firth, reservations and tickets; Mmes. James Car-

lin, Robert Klaesges, Richard Thompson, Donald Bryant, Dick Olson, and James Fornelli, decorations; Norris Carstenson, Joseph Basile, Dick Olson, and Edward Cutcher, refreshments and set-up; Norris Carstenson, entertainment; Joseph Platt and Frank Kristufek, publicity.

The "Mardi-Gras Ball" will be presented in the Nativity Church auditorium, Engracia and Arlington Avenues in Torrance.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION . . . Torrance Lions club will celebrate its 17th anniversary with a dinner dance on Feb. 24 at the Hacienda Hotel with Lioness club members as their special guests. Planning the event are from left, Bob Williams, Ed Gregory, co-chairmen, Mrs. Joanne Gregory, Mrs. Joanne Harris and Ernest Harris. The local club received its charter in 1945.



MRS. JOEL W. CURTIS . . . Former Geraldine Bolde (Portrait by Soeman)